

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON EMERGENCY AMENDMENTS TO  
HOSPITAL LICENSURE REGULATIONS  
(105 CMR 130.000)

Notice is hereby given pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, s. 2, that the Department of Public Health will hold public hearings to receive written and oral testimony on emergency amendments to the Hospital Licensure Regulations (105 CMR 130.000).

The emergency amendments to 105 CMR 130.000 which implements M.G.L. c.111 s.53D went into effect on November 22, 2000. This emergency amendment requires hospitals to develop exposure control plans that include procedures for identifying sharps injury prevention technology; include sharps injury prevention technology as engineering or work practice controls; and require the maintaining of sharps injury log for recording exposure incidents and use as a basis for continuing quality improvement. The regulations provide a process for excluding the use of sharps injury prevention technology does not promote employee or patient safety or interferes with a medical procedure.

The hearing will be held on Wednesday, January 24, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Public Health, Public Health Council Room, 250 Washington Street, Boston.

Submissions made prior to the public hearing should be delivered to Marie Eileen Onical, Department of Public Health, 250 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108. Speakers are requested to provide a written copy or summary of their statements at the hearing. All written testimony must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on January 31, 2001.

Copies of the regulations may be obtained from LouAnn Stanton, Office of the General Counsel at 617-624-5220.

11.30.00  
Date

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